



NEWS RELEASE

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United States Attorney Deborah Gilg and the Federal Bureau of Investigation announce the following information for the attention of the media:

Event Triggering this Release:

United States District Court Judge Laurie Smith Camp sentenced Russell A. Krebs, III, age 38 of Arlington, Nebraska, to five years probation following his conviction for interference with flight crew members. As a condition of his probation, Krebs will be prohibited from flying on any commercial aircraft for the first year of his probation.

On 2/20/2009 Krebs was a passenger on a flight from Omaha to Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport. During the flight, he began to act unruly. The flight attendant attempted to calm him down but the behavior escalated. Krebs began throwing peanuts at another passenger, made inappropriate sexual comments, and touched the buttocks of a female passenger several times. Krebs attempted to grab a member of the flight crew and broke a piece of trim off of the plane. Krebs also punched the passenger sitting next to him in the jaw. The flight crew and passengers eventually were able to place Krebs in restraints. Krebs was arrested when the plane landed in Cincinnati.

Krebs was originally charged in the United States District Court in the Eastern District of Kentucky. He agreed to have the case transferred to Nebraska for the purpose of entering a guilty plea and being sentenced.

Name of Defendant: Russell A. Krebs, III

AKA:

Age: 38

City of residence: Arlington, Nebraska

Crime(s) Charged and Potential Penalty (A CHARGE is merely an accusation and every defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty): Interference with a flight crew member in violation of Title 49, United States Code, Section 46504. The statutory punishment is up to 20, up to a

\$250,000 fine, or both imprisonment and fine, up to 3 years of supervised release and a \$100 special assessment.

Specific Location of Alleged Crime: On a commercial flight between Omaha and Cincinnati.

Location of Arrest: Cincinnati-Northern Kentucky International Airport

Alleged Dollar Loss/Type and Quantity of Drug:

Others Charged in Same Scheme:

Relevant Dates:

Date of Alleged Crime: 2/20/09

Federal Arrest Date: 2/20/09

Date Complaint Issued:

Indictment Returned Date: 4/09/09

Initial Appearance Date: 8/06/10

Plea or Trial and Date(s): 8/06/10

Sentencing Date: 11/08/10

Next Court Hearing Type and Date:

Assigned Magistrate Judge: Honorable F.A. Gossett,

Held without Bond, or Released from Custody: released on bond

In Continuous Custody Since:

Assigned District Court Judge: Honorable Laurie Smith Camp

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